[4th February 1936

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* INADEQUATE RELIEF AFFORDED THROUGH GOVERNMENT PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ, DATED 12TH DECEMBER 1935.

Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI:—" Under Standing Order No. 19, I beg leave to move the following adjournment motion:—

'*That the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the inadequate and unsatisfactory relief afforded through the Government Press Communiqué, dated 12th December* 1935.' "

There was no seconder for a minute or two. Afterwards Mr. Nachiyappa Gounder seconded the motion.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" At least on occasions like this the hon. Member should have been more alert. But on that account I do not want to rule the motion out of order for want of a seconder. I may state at once that the hon. Member has not been quite definite in the wording of the motion. Until now the wording of the adjournment motion was 'inadequate relief afforded through the Government Press Communiqué.' All on a sudden the hon. Member springs a surprise upon me and upon the House by asking me to add the words 'and unsatisfactory' after the word 'inadequate.' Apart from that, if the hon. Member wants to discuss in this adjournment motion anything about the postponement of resettlement in certain districts, which is now under consideration, I do not think there is anything urgent in this matter. But if he wants to discuss in this adjournment motion anything about the districts that have already been resettled and rates collected, I wish to point out to him that there is already a resolution balloted and it will come up for discussion to-morrow. The resolution runs thus:

'This Council recommends to the Government that their present policy to put off giving effect to the resettlement rates in the districts now being resettled and to leave the question for the consideration of the future Government be made to take effect in the case of districts resettled after 1920.'

" He cannot anticipate by means of an adjournment motion the discussion of the subject-matter of a resolution which comes up for discussion to-morrow in which he can take part. Therefore the motion is not in order."

Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI:—" Thank you. I am afraid that resolution will not be reached at all to-morrow. We never had any discussion at all on the question."

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" A ruling has been given by the Hon. the President and Members are bound by it and his ruling cannot be questioned."

Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI:—" I am not questioning the Hon. the President's ruling, but I am making my position clear."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" He has already made his position clear by asking for leave to introduce his adjournment motion. If the House is so inclined that that particular resolution might be advanced, they will be at liberty to do so and discuss that resolution earlier than other resolutions."

III.—ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY COMPANY.

* The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" I beg to move that with reference to G.O. No. 55, Railway, dated 10th December 1923, this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company the names of two persons elected by this Council in accordance with the arrangement made in that behalf by the Hon. the President, to sit on the Advisory Committee of the said railway after 31st March 1936 when the term of office of the present Members of the Committee will expire."

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—*cont.*

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The discussion on the amendment of Mr. Rameswara Rao moved in connexion with the report of the Public Accounts Committee will be resumed."

* Rao Bahadur D. KRISHNAMURTI:—" Sir, the amendment of my hon. Friend is both confusing and contradictory in its wording. Amendment No. 2 of the hon. Member reads thus:

> 'That severe retrenchments should be effected in the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and that the said Board should be abolished unless they pay up the loan advanced in accordance with the original understanding, and that the Board should have its budget passed every year by this Council.'

" I submit that if it is the intention of the hon. Member that by this motion he is proposing that severe retrenchments should be effected in the staff and also the expenditure of the Board, it has to be treated as a separate amendment. But at the same time he in the latter part of his amendment says that as condition precedent for the continuance of the Board the loans advanced by Government to the Board should be paid, else the Board should be abolished. So if the Board pays up their loans, they must be allowed to function, because he says 'that the said Board' should be abolished unless they pay up the loans advanced, etc. His amendment further says that in order to allow the Board to function and also to augment its resources the Government should enforce severe retrenchments both in its staff and